

BF&A - 04 - The mad king (2nd part)

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...Well, Ludwig II gave the orders to construct his castle, but let's not go so quickly. You remember his infancy and youth plenty of fantasies? Well, so, evidently the year **1869**, date of the first stone, the castles were not already necessary. Therefore, everything there was coming from a caprice of the young monarch who wanted to re-live the **knight spirit** mixing the Neogothic style of the French castle of **Pierrefonds** and the medieval one of the German **Wartburg**, his ideal two.

[Photo]

Sight of the **Neuschwanstein** from the castle of his infancy, the **Hohenschwangau**

Since it could not be otherwise the new castle raised on the base of two former fortifications. They use **twenty-five years** in constructing it. The result was a tale castle that inspires, years later, **Walt Disney**.

[Photo]

Panoramic of the castle and its environment

The exterior impresses, but the interior shows the knight spirit of the king with a **great lounge** dedicated to the knight **Lohengrin** full of big wall paintings. The **Wagnerian influence** is here very big. Also you can find the **room of the singers** with **Parsifal's scenes**, belonging as the previous one to Wagner's opera.

[Photo]

Entry to the castle. The number of tourists is immense

Also you can find other stays, as the **room of the throne** or **room of the grail** in **Byzantine style**, the **dining room**, with **Wartburg's scenes**, the **bedroom**, in **Neogothic style**, the **chapel** and many places more.

[Photo]

One of the income

To be able to admire the brilliance of the castle a bridge of wood was constructed, the **Marienbrücke** or bridge of **Maria of Prussia**, the king's mother. The bridge is suspended to **45 m** and the sights of the castle are magnificent. Now the bridge is not of wood.

[Photo]

Marienbrücke or Maria's Bridge

Until the next day ... ;)